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A NEW KIND of Army Training School has been installed in detachment supply. Pfc. Paul Binger, left, is star student. In accordance with a GI's suggestion adopted recently, detachment laundry must be alphabetized for distribution. Professor Bob Schimpf, detachment clerk, drills Paul daily in the fine points of performing the new task.

## EMs and Wacs Hit New Bunks Tuesday

Tuesday is moving day at McGuire, when the enlisted detachment takes over seven barracks just completed in the hospital's \$900,000 expansion program. Work will begin immediately on converting the vacated barracks into fully equipped hospital wards.

Men will move into three of the buildings, each a pair of twin-barracks, while four buildings in the WAC area have been declared completed. Each enlisted men's barracks has been prepared to lodge approximately 50 soldiers.

Six of the buildings heretofore used as barracks have already been fully converted to hospital wards, the post engineer's office announced, except for installation of sprinkler systems for emergency fire-fighting. Newly-converted wards do not have sun rooms similar to those in wards in other parts of the hospital. It was also learned, however, that the former detachment day room will be equipped with asphalt tile flooring and sprinklers and turned over to patients as a recreation hall.

A new enlisted men's recreation hall, in one of the buildings just completed, is in temporary use as a storeroom for excess beds and equipment. Furnishings for recreation are expected to be installed shortly.

Location of McGuire's new athletic field between the gate to Hopkins and the firehouse has been approved by the Surgeon General's office and a contract has already been let for its construction, it also was learned from the post engineer's office. No approval has as yet been obtained for location of a swimming pool in the area adjacent to Building 303, indicating that the site may be changed.

## Soldier Show, 'Snafu,' Spots JitterChamps

Richmond's own jitterbug champs, direct from the National Theater, make a guest appearance at McGuire when the all-GI variety revue, "SNAFU," graces the boards of the Red Cross Hall Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p. m.

The jitterbug champs, winners of a week-long contest sponsored by the National Theater, will join the "SNAFU" show Tuesday night and display the "dancing antics" that won for them the plaudits of Richmond's bobby-socks brigade.

Paced by the rhythms of the McGuire Dance Band, "SNAFU" will feature a roundup of local talent including Capt. Sisley, chief of the physical reconditioning branch, who will star in a laugh-provoking skit entitled "DI (Drill Instructor) Comes Home."

Cpl. Joe Wright will emcee the evening's festivities and vocals will be supplied by two of McGuire's favorite songsters, Pvt. Ray DeVenney and Pfc. Vic Gallucci.

To top off the gala presentation, songs of yesterday and today will be featured by a barber shop quartet and tunes from "them thar hills" will be rendered by a group of hillbillies including the famous "Eager Beavers."

The complete show, the second in a series by the Soldier Show Workshop, will be rounded out by black-out skits, music and fun.

## USO Variety Hit, 'Funfare,' Swings Into ARC Friday

Labeled as one of the USO-Camp Shows' most "sparkling productions", the tuneful revue "Funfare," is skedded to move into McGuire for a tour of the wards on Friday, April 27, and a performance in the Red Cross Hall on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p. m., according to the Special Services Office.

A musical-comedy show designed for fun, "Funfare" spotlights the breathless hand-to-hand balancing and adagio act of Alwite and Blue, theater and night club favorites.

Another veteran showman included in "Funfare" is comedian Al Tucker who uses a violin as a "straight man." Tucker only recently returned from a one-year tour of isolated military posts and naval installations in the U. S.

One of the most unique acts ever to play the McGuire circuit will be supplied by Myrtle Dunedin, the only girl in the world who has accomplished the art of juggling and riding a unicycle at the same time. Miss Dunedin was formerly a favorite at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C.

## Camp Barkley Troupe Eases In Tuesday

Riding in close on the heels of the GI production "Winged Victory," another all-soldier show, "Funantics," will get the "on stage" signal at McGuire when it moves into the Red Cross Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2 and 3, at 7 p. m.

A musical-comedy show, "Funantics" will tour the wards for three days, May 2, 3 and 4.

The show was written, produced, directed and acted by soldiers at Camp Barkley, Texas.

## 7th War Loan Tees Off to Slow Start, Lt. White Reports

McGuire's combined military and civilian personnel have shelled out \$9,296.25 in cash for extra War Bonds since the opening gun of the Seventh War Loan, in what was described as a "rather slow start" by Lt. Velma R. White, War Bond officer.

Civilian purchases rang up \$4,950 in the Victory Register, while men

## Conversion

Lt. Virginia G. Breed believes in turning her blood into War Bonds.

The popular director of the Personnel Division received a \$10 check the other day for a blood transfusion.

Adding \$8.75 in cash to the check, she hied herself down to the Finance Office and bought her first bond for the Seventh War Loan.

and women in uniform have totaled \$4,345.25 in cash best-buys. Both figures, Lt. White advised, are based on purchase certificates turned into committee members, and unreported purchases may hike the figures somewhat. McGuire's quota for cash purchases has been set at \$110,000, of which \$65,000 is earmarked for civilians and \$45,000 for military personnel.

While calling upon all personnel to show increased support for the Seventh War Loan with cash purchases,

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## McGuire's Big Radio Show Gets After-Work Air Time

"Open House at McGuire," the hospital's weekly dramatized radio production, switches to new air time Saturday replacing the Philadelphia Orchestra at 5:30 p. m. on WRVA.

The new time, according to station officials, should add considerably to the program's listening audience. It will also enable post personnel to listen in after regular working hours. The show until now has been broadcast from 4 to 4:30 p. m.

"Open House," going into its 19th half-hour edition, has brought to radio listeners 42 specially selected combat interviews and stories, as well as lighter tales, all experienced by McGuire patients. Also featured were 20 original dramatizations of the laughs, problems, attitudes and even the favorite practical jokes of patients as represented in conversation gleaned from the wards.

"Open House" scripts are written and produced by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, public relations officer. An average of 25 people have participated in the production each week.

Although "Open House" is broadcast from the studios of WRVA, several listeners, taking the program's title rather seriously, have called the hospital requesting permission "to visit McGuire during 'Open House' hours."

Among commendations awarded the scripts has been one from Radio Branch, War Department Bureau of Public Relations, in charge of all army radio activities.

An All-McGuire production, "Open House," narrated by Sgt. Barry

## Double-Deck of Fun

Gags, gags and more gags will highlight "Monkeyshines at McGuire" when the popular half-hour radio funshow moves onto the stage of the patients' recreation hall Friday, April 27, for its eleventh broadcast over station WRNL at 7:30 p. m.

The fun begins at 7 o'clock, however, when a special warm-up show will precede the broadcast.

Following the radio production, Judy Garland and Robert Walker will be seen on the screen in "The Clock."

Schectman, has presented in its cast, in addition to patients themselves, Sgts. Joseph Blackburn and Dick Bruner, Cpls. Charles Coggins and Bernie Asbel, Pvt. Rhoda Saletan and specially arranged music furnished by the McGuire Band.

Actual combat experiences broad-

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## Pacific Missionaries Have Aided Allies, Says Chaplain

That religion has served to shorten the campaign in the South Pacific, there is no doubt, according to Lt. Col. Joseph E. Whelan, of Detroit, Mich., Catholic Chaplain now on temporary duty at McGuire after serving 35 months at Buna, Sador and Aitape in New Guinea, and at Leyte in the Philippines.

"Few people realize the real value to our forces of the work of the missionaries on the various Pacific Islands," Father Whelan said. "They served the world in a practical way making the natives friendly towards the Americans, not through the use of guns, but through Christianity."

With the arrival for temporary duty at McGuire of Chaplain Joseph E. Whelan, daily noon Mass will be resumed in the post Chapel.

These missionaries, who came from Britain, France, Australia, China, and many other Allied countries, had started their work on the Islands long before the terrors of war overtook them. During that time they worked tirelessly to gain the confidence of the uncivilized and uneducated natives and to instruct them not only in the ways of religion, but also in the modern ways of living, of medicine, of agriculture and of hygiene.

"The marvelous work of these Christian missionaries not only contributed to the shortening of the war, but saved many American lives," Father Whelan added.

Journeying overseas with the 32nd Infantry Division in April, 1942,



Father Whelan

Father Whelan also contributed to the religious education of the natives. One day in particular, while serving on Buna, Father recalls saying mass for hundreds of natives while standing in an outrigger canoe brought up on the beach.

During his service as Division Chaplain with the 32nd, the Father Whelan suffered a sharp decrease in weight while in combat territory—forty-five pounds in 90 days, to be exact.

Formerly pastor at St. Augustine Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., Father Whelan resigned a reserve commission in the Army in 1940.

Father Whelan is the holder of the Bronze Star "for meritorious service" on Leyte island, the Distinguished Unit Citation, American Service Ribbon, Southwest Asiatic and Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Philippine Campaign Ribbon.



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## What the Confab Is and What It Isn't

Here is Secretary of State Stettinius' definition of the scope of the San Francisco United Nations conference:

"It is not a peace conference. It will not deal with boundaries, or reparations or questions concerned with the disarmament and control of Germany and Japan.

"It's purpose is to prepare a charter of a world organization to preserve the peace in the future which can be submitted to the member nations for adoption."

Two-thirds of the Senate must approve the charter before this country can join the proposed organization.



Q. I was unmarried when I entered the Army. Consequently, I made my mother the beneficiary of my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance. In due course, she received a certificate listing her as my beneficiary. While in Service I married and changed the beneficiary of my insurance to my wife. However, she has never received any certificate and is worried about the matter. My Personal Affairs Officer has informed me that another certificate will not be issued but that the change has been made in War Department records. Is this so?

A. Your Personal Affairs Officer has given you the correct dope. Another certificate will not be issued but your wife will be listed as beneficiary on the War Department records. It is not necessary to have a certificate in order to receive payments.

Q. Can creditors collect a soldier's debt from the beneficiary of his National Service Life Insurance? I owed more than \$300 when I entered the Army, and I still owe it. Can my creditors collect that amount from my mother, who is

beneficiary of my instance, if I am killed? I fully intend to pay off the debts myself when I return to civilian status, but I don't want my mother to have to pay them from her insurance.

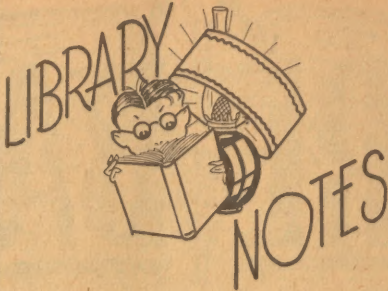
A. No. A creditor cannot collect a soldier's debts from the beneficiary of his insurance.

## Bars and Stripes

TO MAJOR  
Capt. Isadore Rothstein  
TO FIRST LIEUTENANT  
2nd Lt. Mary C. Bryan  
2nd Lt. Annie M. Poole  
2nd Lt. Frank B. Ryan  
TO STAFF SERGEANT  
Sgt. Lyle C. Berryman  
TO SERGEANT  
Tec. 5 Elwood H. Sutton  
TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
Pvt. Helen F. Beverly  
Pvt. Laura C. Campbell  
Pvt. Martha M. Cline  
Pvt. Robert W. Jones  
Pvt. Marilyn W. Kalkut  
Pvt. Shelton A. Stone  
Pvt. Helen E. Wade

Saipan (CNS)—"The fighting on Luzon has begun to assume an aspect," the Jap radio announced after Imperial forces were driven from Manila and Bataan.

Whaddya know!!



Once again the record player in the music library is in fine running order. The music listening room has been closed for the past two weeks, but now the doors are open to all from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ask the librarian to play your favorite records for you. Please don't operate the machine yourself. Reconditioning sponsors a music listening group every afternoon from 3 to 4 and you are all invited.

Have you noticed the books on display in the music library? If you wish to understand better the music you hear these are the books for you to browse through.

Leopold Stokowski, one of the best known conductors of the day, and also the 63-year old who has just married young Gloria Vanderbilt, has written a book entitled, *Music For All of Us*. In his book, Mr. Stokowski discusses the basic fundamentals of music, instruments of the past and present, the orchestra and orchestration, conducting, music and television, folk music and popular music—all is written in a very readable manner.

David Ewen, a well known music critic gives us *The Book of Modern Composers*. The arrangement of the book presents a better understanding of the composer discussed. First we see a picture of the composer, then David Ewen gives a brief but excellent biographical note. After the biographical note and preceding each critical essay, there appears a statement by the composer himself on his aims as an artist.

Miss Marion Bauer has prepared a book that has provided much entertainment as well as information. *Musical Questions and Quizzes* has been a godsend to the many who are interested in music but have had little formal instruction. This book is made up of questions on the periods of musical history, use of various instruments in the orchestra, and a special section of questions and answers on jazz.

If you are building a record library of your own, then David Hall's *The Record Book*, is the one for you. David Hall, an expert music critic, has compiled a selected list of more than 8,000 records with the name of the manufacturer, catalogue number, and price, followed by an analysis as to performance. This book will eliminate the waste of money spent buying records of an inferior grade and will also increase the life-span of your phonograph because of the inside facts about buying needles, and caring for records and phonographs.

In speaking about books on music, we cannot omit Oscar Levant's *A Smattering of Ignorance*. Mr. Clifton Fadiman, editor of the "New Yorker", says, "For the most part, this is a book of comic myths in which most of the leading characters happen to be musicians. *A Smattering of Ignorance* contains six brash monologues, laughably disguised as essays. They deal with the qualities and vanities of some of the great contemporary conductors, the life, opinions and silences of Harpo Marx. But really the whole book, without trying, turns out to be a collection of Oscariana. Some of his best lines, particularly the most self-deprecatory, are included."

For the latest-up-to-the-minute news of the world of music, the library receives such periodicals as *American Music Lover*, *Etude*, *Musical America*, *Musical Courier*, and the *Musican*.

MARY V. GREENE.

Nowadays when a man bites a dog, it ain't news—it's lunch.



## 7th War Loan Off to Slow Start, Lt. White Reports

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chases, Lt. White declared that the lull might be attributed to emphasis being placed during the opening half of the drive on increases in Class A Pay Reservations from civilians and Class B Allotments from soldiers. McGuire's payroll savings quota for civilians stands at \$40,000, or 15 per cent of the total payroll for the three-month campaign.

The hospital's top War Bond seller so far is Miss Agnes Merritt, civilian personnel office, who has turned in \$1,631.25 in purchase certificates. Mrs. Margaret Crutchfield, representing Red Cross on the War Bond Committee, has sold \$1,275 in bonds.

Leading McGuire purchasers are Jane Edwards, \$1,162.50; Mrs. Lucile B. Harrison, \$918.75; Alma R. Grinele, \$750; Lt. Raymond M. Shore, patient, \$450; M-Sgt. Joseph J. Ackerman, patient, \$375, and Lt. John S. Halsey, patient, \$300.

Mrs. Mary H. Brasington, civilian nurse who just came on duty here Monday, has already signed up for \$37.50 in War Bonds every payday. Other employees also have signed up for the same amount.

Purchasers of bonds were especially requested by Lt. White to report their buys to committee members in their part of the hospital. Purchase certificates will be distributed to all personnel at the end of each month.

## McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees have completed one year of consecutive service:

Katie W. Asal, Mary E. Bragg, Joseph Brown, Hortense H. Harper, Louise E. Terrell, Rebecca G. Terrell, Hospital Police & Personnel; Henry C. Lawrence, Patrolman; Cornelia J. Davenport, Helen Hall, Sallie H. Jackson, May B. Mack, Alice J. Rollins, Janie S. Seabron, Charles H. Towles, Mess & Dietetics;; James W. Banks, Israel L. Byrd, John H. Chapman, Joshua J. Harris, Mathew L. Harris, Sydney J. Toney, John B. White, Motor Pool; John H. King, John W. Lewis, Thad L. Richardson, Post Engineer.

## Chapel Schedule

### PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

### CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass.....12 noon

### JEWISH

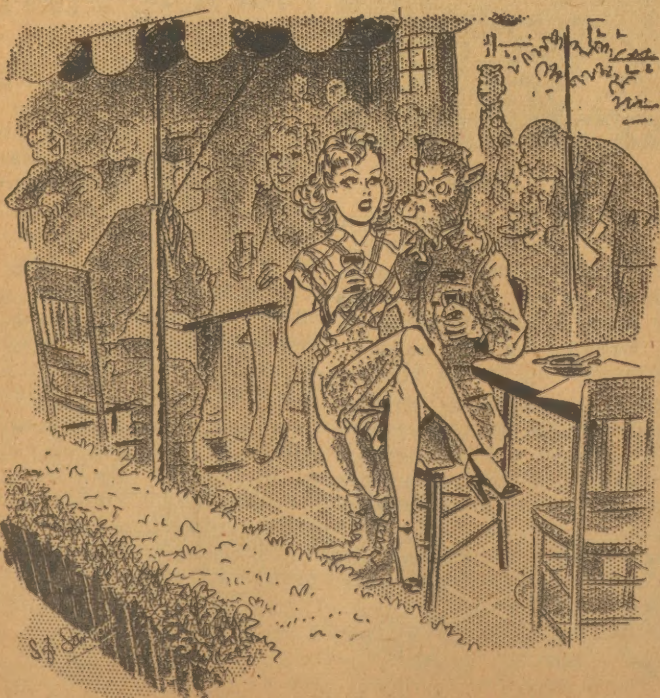
Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

New York (CNS)—The tobacco industry has sent 950,000 packages of snuff to GIs overseas. Ker-choo!

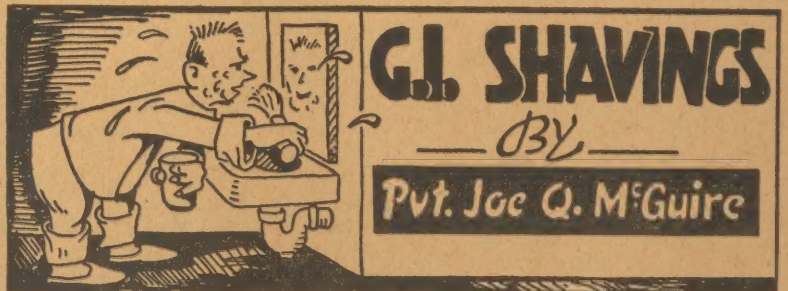
## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Tell me more about Charlie McCarthy!"



With graceful feet, a maiden sweet  
Was tripping the light fantastic,  
When she suddenly tore for the  
dressing room door  
—You can't trust this wartime  
elastic.

And how is the Richard Quinn Club of Indiana coming along? Oh, you haven't heard? Well, it goes something like this: One night on the "OK America" show, Richard's melodic voice floated into the living room of a quiet Indiana home. In a few days he received his first fan mail. Among the readers of this epistle was the "brain trust" in the X-Ray department who concocted the answer, saying among other things that Richard Quinn Clubs were being formed all over the country and he, Richard, was giving her permission to charter the Indiana Club! Subsequent correspondence disclosed the fact that her first efforts failed but being a

true admirer of talent she would try again.

Never give an Irishman an inch or he'll take a mile. This has been proven in the Operating Room. Look what happened soon after the three sons of Erin took over—Sheahan, Cronin and Quinn. All clothing has been dyed green. Truth is though that the beautiful color is more restful to the eyes of the surgeons.

When one patient complained about the long walk to the Post Theater he was consoled by another who added, "If you took more walks like this you wouldn't have to go to re-construction"! John Atman-chik and Co. please note.

Final Fling at Poetry—  
A girlie who doesn't matter  
Found herself getting fatter and fatter.  
She dieted so well  
Now she looks like hell  
And there isn't a place you can patter.



# McGuire Tops Tri-State Hospitals in Idea Campaign

Leading all general hospitals in Third Service Command for seven months, McGuire received praise this week from Baltimore for the mass of new ideas turned in by hospital personnel to the Suggestion Committee.

McGuire civilians and military personnel between June 1, 1944 and March 1, 1945 came up with 337 suggestions for facilitating hospital procedures, as compared to 311 from Valley Forge, 105 from

Woodrow Wilson and 96 from Deshon.

Chairman of the McGuire Suggestion Committee is Lt. Velma R. White, who revealed that in addition to the hospital leading in suggestions contributed, McGuire tops other hospitals in ideas adopted and put into actual practice.

A total reported annual saving of \$613,000 for service command installations was announced, for which civilian employees received \$13,966 in cash prizes, while soldiers received furloughs, passes, promotions and commendations for suggestions adopted.

Hailing the suggestion program as "an effective method of mobilizing the thinking power of all personnel for use in prosecuting the war," Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, chairman, Third Service Command Suggestion Committee, congratulated McGuire for its "place of leadership in this program."

Declared Col. Thirkeld, "Such a record can be achieved in a program of this nature, only through the personal interest and effort of the Commanding Officer, the committee he has appointed to carry on this work, and the other operating personnel. This splendid accomplishment reflects credit on the entire installation."

## Portrait Artist To Pose Patients

Miss Ruth Klein, former portrait artist at the Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen, will journey through McGuire from Monday, April 30 to Saturday, May 5 where she will sketch patients while on a ward-wide tour.

Patients sketched by Miss Klein will receive the original drawing without charge and in addition, photostats of the original, one negative and one positive, will also be given to the soldiers. Copies of the sketches can be made from the negative photostats.

Miss Klein, whose visit here will be part of the USO-Camp Shows' Hospital Sketching Program, also disclosed that the pictures may be sent to the serviceman himself or to any person designated.

Definitions of Army terminology: "You will show him every courtesy" means: His uncle is a general. "You will take necessary action" means: It's your headache now. "You will remember" means: I have forgotten.

"For your immediate action" means: Do something quick before we both get into trouble.

## Proper to Hop 'Er

If your hitch-hiking thumb hasn't become paralyzed from lack of exercise, it's perfectly okay to dust it off now and put it back to work—so says a fairly recent WD Circular (No. 481, Par. 6), which erases a 1943 circular from the books.

The old Circular, rescinded by No. 481, stated, back in April, 1943: "All Army personnel are forbidden to solicit free automobile rides by thumbing or other means of signaling to the occupants of passing motor vehicles. This does not prohibit military personnel from accepting offers of rides voluntarily made by individuals."

## GIs Have 90 Days to Get Old Job Back

The law known as the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 gave soldiers the right to apply for their old jobs within 40 days after their discharge from service. Now, an amendment has been passed which extends the period from 40 days to 90 days. It also provides that if veterans are undergoing hospitalization immediately following their discharge, for a period of not more than one year, they may make application within 90 days after release from the hospital.

The act as originally passed provided that if a soldier worked for the government at the time of his induction, he is to be reinstated in the same position, or in one of like seniority, status, and pay. If he worked for a private employer, he is also to be restored to the same position or to one of like seniority, status and pay, unless his employer's circumstances have changed to the point where it is not possible or reasonable for him to re-employ the soldier. In other words, he is considered as having simply been on furlough or leave of absence. He is entitled to insurance rights and other benefits, in accordance with the existing rules and practices of his employer at the time he was inducted, for employees on leave of absence.

The law is set up to give the soldier every assistance in returning to his former life. If he runs into any trouble in getting back his old job, he should see the re-employment committeemen of his local draft board, or ask the Personal Affairs Officer, Administration Building, for information on where to get needed help.

WASTE IS SABOTAGE.

## McGuire's Big Air Show Gets New Broadcast Time

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cast have included exploits of the Medical Corps, Infantry, Paratroops, Air Corps, Combat Engineers, Quartermaster, WAC, Chaplain's Corps, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, and Tank Destroyers as well as stirring tales of experiences in Japanese and German prison camps.

When "On the Air" flashes in the "Open House" studio this week, listeners will hear how Tec 5 Stanley Mikuta, Ward 29, wounded in both legs, crawled for eight days through Philippine streams, over mountains and through sniper-infested valleys to reach aid far in the rear. Alone for a week and a day, without food or water, he fought pain, nature and death itself. Three things, relates Mikuta, kept him from going mad—a letter from his mother which he read a hundred times, a prayer book, and a book of unsolved mysteries, all of which are still unsolved, adds Mikuta.

Sgt. Dick Bruner of the BANNER staff will air a mock broadcast of "Yank About Town," a radio column he conducted for American troops on the Algiers radio. He wrote a column by the same name in the Mediterranean edition of Stars and Stripes. Bruner will also tell of experiences in North Africa with Bob Hope and the late Ernie Pyle.

A new musical signature for "Open House" arranged by Pfc. Ralph Phillips of the band will be introduced on Saturday's show.

Pvt. Ray DeVenney, infantryman who sang for fighting men overseas when he was not fighting himself, will offer a song dedicated to Ernie Pyle.

## Overseas Patches May Now Be Worn

Overseas doughboys now assigned to units in the States are permitted to wear the shoulder sleeve insignia of their former overseas outfit on their right sleeve, according to an amendment to AR 600-40, dated March 31, 1945.

The amendment further states that although the overseas insignia is not required, the sleeve insignia of the outfit to which the soldier is presently assigned must be worn on the left sleeve.

In addition, the GI, if he was a member of a number of overseas outfits, may choose the particular unit insignia he desires to wear.

The amendment concludes: "Under no circumstances will more than one insignia be worn on the right shoulder sleeve at one time."

## Corporal Arnold Wed In Chapel Ceremony

Cpl. John Arnold of McGuire's A & D Office was married to Lorraine Smith of Richmond last Wednesday in ceremony in the McGuire Chapel. Chaplain Orin D. Swank officiated.

Best man was Cpl. Ralph Carper and maid of honor was Miss Frances Harper. The ceremony, attended by about 25 close friends of the couple, featured organ music by Pfc. Eddie Weaver. A reception at the bride's home followed the wedding.

## 'What's Your Job?'



PLASTICS AND THEIR PART in the war effort are explained to Cpl. Harold Wiley, right, by Dr. Rollin F. Conway, research supervisor at the Spruance plant of the DuPont Company, while Pfc. Frederick B. Collins, left, of Waynesboro, Va., and Pvt. Joseph V. Guzzardi, second from right, examine articles exhibited by the concern in the Red Cross auditorium. The class in plastics and chemistry was held last Thursday as one in a series titled, "What's Your Job?" now in progress during time turned over by the Reconditioning Service. The series is planned by Sgt. Joseph Blackburn for Separation and Counseling Service of which Lieutenant Robert T. Morrison is the chief.



PIN-UP QUEEN MARY SOPER is now a firm believer in the power of the press, after a committee of Virginia camp editors crowned her Miss USO Hostess for 1945 during a gala Newspaper Night program at the USO Club Tuesday. Battling hard against mixing business with pleasure, BANNER Editor Bernie Asbel points out to Queen Mary high points in a BANNER exhibit at the Club.

## Service Newspaper Editors Crown USO Pin-Up Queen

Six Virginia camp editors formed a quick huddle, whispered earnestly, announced "Number 54" and vivacious Mary Soper was USO Hostess Pin-Up Queen for 1945.

Crowning of the Queen climaxed Newspaper Night at the USO Tuesday, commemorating the 241st anniversary of the founding of America's first newspaper. With the club's

window bedecked with front pages of hundreds of American dailies, big and small, GIs inside pored over exhibits of camp papers from this area, and paid "lucky pennies" for any of 350 hometown papers culled for the occasion.

At eight o'clock, heads turned in surprise, as a dozen junior hostesses, in newsboy's garb, broke into the club shouting, "Extra! Editors to Choose Pin-Up!" Eyes blinked as the girls distributed copies of the Richmond News-Leader carrying a first page streamer, "Camp Editors Convene to Choose Pinup Queen." GIs are still inquiring how otherwise insignificant service scribes ever hit the News-Leader's page one with articles on their experiences and opinions on turning out camp papers. The page included stories by Sgt. Dick Bruner, Stars and Stripes vet, now on the BANNER staff, and Cpl. Bernie Asbel, BANNER editor.

In charge of the extravagant arrangements for Newspaper Night was Sam Gaber, hard working member of the USO staff.

Before the crowd of 300 GIs and hostesses, Miss Soper was presented with the original copy of a cartoon drawn especially for the occasion by Cpl. Joe Certa, creator of "Pvt. Will B. Wright," which appears daily in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Judges reached a deadlock for second-place and declared a tie between pert Kitty West and demure brunette Ruby Heath. Judges were Cpl. Asbel, Sgts. Sid Benjamin, Lee Traveller, Herb Rosen, Richmond Army Air Base Reflector, and Merle Tenenbaum, Camp Pickett News, S(A)lc Albert E. Bycroft, Naval Training School Injector, and Y2c Harold Milner, Camp Peary Peary-Scope.

According to delicate measurements taken by the BANNER, Pin-Up Queen Mary is 122 pounds poured skillfully into 5 feet 6 1/2 inches. Of reddish brown hair, she is just turned 19 years.

## Tired of Tramping? Relaxation Coming With Television

Chicago (ACS)—The armchair athlete will really come into his own after the war, with the aid of television. For an outlay of \$150 to \$400, depending on the size set he buys, the ex-GI will be able to see his favorite entertainers and sporting events without moving a muscle.

At present there are eight television stations in the U. S., located in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Schenectady and Los Angeles, and they broadcast to approximately 8,500 television set owners.

Rapid progress has recently been made in studio technique and this progress has been more than matched by scientific advancement in the field. Reception is now limited to a 60-mile radius of each transmitter, but the audio-visual broadcasts will go network after the war.

Postwar television sets will also be good for frequency modulation and regular broadcasts. The \$150 to \$400 price range will be within the reach of the returned GI who has salted away some of his Army pay; and if he wants, he can have a phonograph included for \$100 extra.

## 'Precipiton' Installed

An electronic air cleaner, known as the "Precipiton," has been installed in two rooms of Building 302, for the benefit of patients recovering from asthma and other respiratory diseases, according to the post engineer's office.

## Twin Strippers and Up

Plans for a duty personnel NCO Club are still being formulated, it was learned from detachment headquarters, and it is hoped that details will be announced soon.

The club, it was revealed, will be open to all NCOs from technician fifth grade up, rather than being limited to first three graders as in many camps.



Post Theater

Week of Thursday, April 26.  
Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.  
Sunday Matinee 2 p.m. Patients  
not admitted to 8:15 shows.

THURSDAY—"Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe" with Betty Grable, Dick Haymes.

SATURDAY—"China Sky" with Randolph Scott, Ruth Waiick, Ellen Drew.

SUNDAY—"Flame of Barbary Coast" with John Wayne, Ann Dvorak.

TUESDAY—"Double Feature — 'I'll Remember April' with Gloria Jean, Kinby Grant—"Escape In The Fog" with Otto Kruger, Nina Foch.

WEDNESDAY—"Escaped In The Desert" with Andrea King, Philip Dorn.

WMC Lifts Job Controls On Veterans

The War Manpower Commission has announced the lifting of all manpower controls for veterans of the present war, to speed their re-employment and to help remove all employment obstacles in the way of their return to civilian life.

Veterans may now be hired by an employer without referral by the United States Employment Service or other authorized referral channels. However, local offices of the USES will continue to give placement and counsel assistance to returning veterans.

Any veteran who seeks employment through the USES will be entitled to a referral, as a matter of right, to any job of his choice, without regard to the essentiality or priority status of the job—and will not be required to secure or present statement of availability in order to change jobs.

IGNORE CEILINGS

An employer may hire a veteran of the present war without regard to employment ceilings if the local employment stabilization program provides for the exemption of such veterans from employment ceiling determinations. Otherwise, he will be counted against the established employment ceiling.

Such relaxation of manpower controls for the benefit of veterans of the present war is a measure to assist the rapid return of the men and women of the armed forces to the way of life for which they are best fitted, and the work which they now wish to pursue.

The manpower shortage is so bad these days, that she had to change her seat 10 times in the theater before she could find a man to annoy her..

He took her gently in his arms And pressed her to his chest, The lovely color left her face And lodged upon his vest.

A sergeant is a man of few words which he keeps repeating.



THE CURVACEOUS PIN-UP in dead center is Pfc. Herb Osgood, after a quick reversion from acting Miss Betty Stable to being an ordinary member of the band again. The lightning change-over was one of many surprises in "The Beavers Take Over," all-band variety show staged last week. Also seen are (left to right) the brainier portion of Cpl. Brooke Jenkyn, who played the Hollywood director, son of Lubitsch; Cpl. Joe Wright, or Starch Navel; Pfc. Ben Brasselle, the "irate husband"; Pfc. Ralph Phillips, the queer camera-man; Osgood; and Pfc. Herb Gupton, make-up man.

Manager Crapo Announces Starting Ladies' Lineup

Selection of a starting lineup for the McGuirettes softball team from among 25 candidates for the squad was announced today by Lt. Clare Crapo, manager-coach.

The McGuirettes, composed of nurses, cadets, Wacs and civilians, will play in the six-team Richmond Dixie league, with loop play scheduled to get underway on Wednesday, May 9.

The tentative lineup includes Doris Viar, catcher; Miriam Poore, pitcher; Barbara Hines, first base; Anna Barlas, second; Dorothy Baromy, shortstop; Lt. Crapo, third; Lois Vejvoda, shortfield; Christine Hines, left field; Helen Miller, center, and Alice Klien-dienst, right.

Substitutes, all slated to see action when the season opens, include Florence Andrews, outfield; Nettie Newsome, shortstop or third base; Mildred Blitva, first base or outfield; Jean Hare, second base or shortfield; Sarah Shahinian, second base or outfield, and Mary Jane King, outfield.

The McGuirettes will play a 15-game Dixie League schedule, with games listed for Wednesday nights each week during the summer. The season will be divided into two sections, with the first half consisting of the opening 10 games and the second half of the remaining tilts. The championship will be decided following a series between the winners of the two halves of the schedule.

Teams in the league, in addition to the McGuirettes, include the Bams, Railroad YMCA, Bellwood, Reynolds Metals and the OSCS.

Lt. Crapo said she was confident the McGuirettes would make a strong showing in the loop.

"Remaining practices before the season opens on May 9 will be devoted to developing a championship team," she asserted today. "Our material is very good and we'll be hampered only by the lack of experience, which we'll acquire pretty rapidly."

The squad includes five civilians, three Wacs, four cadet nurses and three Army nurses.

Swimming Meet Attracts McGuire Pool Veterans

Considerable interest has been shown by enlisted personnel at McGuire in the swimming meet scheduled for Byrd Park in June, Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer, reported today.

Heading the list of prospective entries is Cpl. Bruce Milgrim, post photographer, who starred on the St. Joseph College swimming team, Catholic Intercollegiate Conference champions for three years. Milgrim swims the 200-yard breast stroke.

Others who have entered include Pfc. Charles Smith, Cpl. Allen Bair and Cpl. Al Bianco, all of whom have had either intercollegiate, interscholastic or club experience.

Lt. Berman said that others interested, regardless of their experience, should notify his office immediately. The meets will be held daily from June 25 through July 1 at Shields Lake in Byrd Park. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded in various individual and team events.

# Generals Face Tour Of 2 Games Weekly

A 25-game softball schedule, with contests slated each Tuesday and Thursday night starting May 8, will be played by the McGuire Generals this summer, it was announced today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

The Generals, under a net set-up agreed upon between McGuire authorities and representatives of the Richmond recreation department, will play in the Capital City League. Opponents in the six-team circuit include the

## EM Amputee Nine at Reed Tops Officers

Amputee enlisted patients at Walter Reed General Hospital defeated an amputee officer's team, 12-6, in a recent game at Forest Glen, Walter Reed's convalescent center. All players were leg amputees.

Two home runs were swatted during the game by S-Sgt. Frank Bogdan of Buffalo, N. Y. Bogdah circled the bases on a gallop after pay cuts at the ball. He lost a leg in Southern



Bert Shepard

France while with an anti-aircraft battery of the Seventh Army.

The game, part of the Physical Reconditioning program, was umpired by Bill McGowan, big league mentor. Other amputees in the stands had their own sport exhibiting several common varieties of the American "razzberry" as well as a number of overseas versions learned in combat.

For the officers Lt. W. G. Holsberg, double amputee, pitched. Lt. Bert Shepard, one-legged P-38 fighter pilot now with the Washington Senators, played an inning, but was consigned to the bushes by the rabid gallery.

Catcher for the enlisted men was Wally Pierowicz, medical aide from Buffalo, N. Y., who lost both legs at the Anzio beachhead. He had to use a chair to catch during this game, but expects to be rid of the chair in about a month.

## Cash for Calling 'Em

An open invitation to make two bucks was tendered today to all patients and personnel at McGuire.

The Dixie softball league, in which the McGuirettes will play, is in need of scorekeepers. Volunteers will be paid by the Richmond recreational department on the basis of \$2 a game, with tilts scheduled once a week starting on Wednesday, May 9.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

McGuire Generals take on Richmond Quartermaster Centaurs of the Municipal League in a pre-season exhibition tilt at Fonticello Park tonight, 7 p.m.

Naval Training Station, Reynolds Metals, U. S. Patent Office, Bellwood Officers and Thalhimers.

The league schedule will be divided into two sections, the first to include the opening 15 games and the second the final 10 tilts. A play-off game between the winners of each half will determine the league championship, with the provision that a team winning both halves will be declared champion without further contests.

In the absence of playing facilities on the post, the Generals will play their home games at Fonticello Park.

Handicapped by the lack of a field and by inclement weather the past week Manager-Coach Bob Conwya has been unable to hold practice sessions as planned. In the only game played so far, the Generals out-classed the 797th MP Battalion, 6-1, behind the three-hit pitching of veteran Johnny Atman-chik.

Conway presented a considerably revised lineup in this game and expressed himself as well-pleased at the performances turned in by men new to the team.

"We're still pretty short on reserve strength, but I'm satisfied we'll make a creditable showing when the league gets going," the peppery manager asserted. "The team begins to stack up fairly well and looked good at a couple of positions I was worried about."

Atmanchik had his old battery mate, Bill Allison, behind the plate against the MP's and opened the seven-inning tilt by striking out the first man. None of the three bingles made was for extra bases.

The remainder of the lineup showed Bill Cheswick at first base, Charlie Coggins at second, Bob Morris at third, Conway at short, Sid Diamond in shortfield, Bill Cronin in right, Al Bianco in center and Charlie Wolf in left. Reserve outfielders who saw action included Liborio (Zoot Suit) Balsamo, Johnny Sheppard, Ed Kain-er and Bob Crumpler.

## 'Let the Punishment—'

Sarremento, Cal. (CNS)—A bill has been presented to the State Assembly which would provide that any Californian found guilty of beating his wife would be flogged at a whipping post.

For big interest on little money —try SOLDIER DEPOSITS. See the Detachment CO.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Physi-oh-thera-beaut-ics

WHAT'S THE PITCH, GENERAL... ARE THINGS BREAKIN' A LITTLE ROUGH TODAY?

YOU DON'T NEED A BLUEPRINT, LADY... WHEN MY GIRL GETS A LOOK AT THE SINGLE WING FORMATION SHE'S NOT GONNA YELP WITH JOY!

IS SHE ABOUT MY HEIGHT AND BUILD? HERE, GIVE IT A FAST GO-ROUND, JUST FOR SIZE...

WA 20 SEC

HMM—YOU TAKE UP THE SLACK WELL AND YOU HAVE A STEADY SQUEEZE...JUST HOLD YOUR BREATH! NOW, LET'S FIRE A ROUND FOR EFFECT!

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU WERE SCRAPIN' BOTTOM THIS MORNING!

I JUST QUALIFIED WITH THE MM-M-M-ONE!

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